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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of : Case 7502M
Richard Walker et al. : Confirmation No. 4277
Serial No.: 09/914,861 : Group Art Unit: 1771
Filed: September 4, 2001 : Examiner: Elizabeth Cole
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED COMBINATION OF SKIN
FEEL AND FLUID HANDLING

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-5 and 8-12 as follows:

1. An absorbent article, said absorbent article having a body surface and a garment surface and comprising:

a liquid permeable topsheet, said topsheet providing a barrier which inhibits rewet, wherein said topsheet has a compressibility of less than about 488 g/cubic cm;

a liquid impermeable backsheet disposed beneath said topsheet and joined thereto at least about a periphery of said absorbent article; and

an absorbent core disposed between said topsheet and said backsheet;

wherein said topsheet and said core cooperate to provide said absorbent article with a liquid strikethrough of less than about 55 seconds and a wetback of less than 30 milligrams.

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